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British steamship Asian for New Orleans, via Mexican ports, Sep-

tember 23, with 16 passengers for Veracruz and 50 crew.

The sanitary conditions of Colon continue to improve. No cases of yellow fever have been reported for thirty days, and a close inspection has failed to reveal any case of a suspicious nature. Tertian fever is quite prevalent among the negro laborers, especially among those recently arrived from the West Indies. Among the white employees of the Isthmian Canal Commission very few cases have been admitted to the hospital.

In Panama 2 cases of yellow fever have been reported, one of which, in an American, proved fatal. The beginning of the illness in this last

case dates back to September 14.

Nothing suspicious of plague has occurred at La Boca settlement. No dead rats and no infected rats have been found among those caught in traps or poisoned. The wharf at La Boca is now considered entirely free from rats. The inspection of all the laborers and inhabitants of La Boca continues to be enforced.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended September 22, 1905: Present officially estimated population not obtainable; 4 deaths; 1 case of yellow fever; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and yellow fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected. The case of yellow fever reported is the third to have its origin here. I am unable to satisfactorily trace the source of infection.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage dis- infected.
Sept. 16 18 20 21	Hispania	Colon Mobile, Ala	20 35 23	0 1 0 0	0 0 0 0	(a) 0 0 0

a Not inspected.

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Report from Callao—Plague situation—Smallpox on steamships Colombia and Peru—Smallpox and plague at Antofagasta—Case of plague at Lima contracted at necropsy.

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, August 25 and September 14, as follows:

Plague, August 11 to 20, inclusive.

	New cases.	Recovered.	Died.	Remain- ing.
Lima. Callao. Paita. Mausiche Total.	3 0 10 2 15	1 1 2 0	2 0 5 1 8	3 0 8 1 12